

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 3, line 20 and ending at line 24.

~~It seems that the~~ The vibration element of such a bar-shaped vibration wave driving apparatus has been reduced in size in its radial direction, but there is still room for reduction in size in its thrust direction, i.e., in the length of its axis.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 17, line 21 and ending at page 18, line 4.

In the vibration element shown in FIG. 2A, the outer diameters of an upper end portion 11a of the first elastic member 11 and a lower end portion 12a of the second elastic member 12 are increased and thereby mass of the free ends with higher bending vibration displacement is increased, and thus the natural frequency of the vibration element is reduced.